

Mark Kennedy

Author of “Classroom Management” & Lessons from the Hawk”

About the Author (Extracted from Dolphin/Hawk)

Mark Kennedy lived several ‘lives’ before coming to education. In the early 1970s, he served a four-year enlistment in the Vietnam era U.S. Navy. This was followed by an undergraduate degree in German, Latin, and history from California State University, Fullerton, and then graduate work in Greek language, theology, and medieval European studies. The 1980s, however, found him cash poor and so he took a position in the financial services industry, specifically in securities, insurance, and small business financing. After experiencing both high finance and low finance, Kennedy found his way in 1990 to his true calling, teaching, eventually earning a master of Education degree from the University of La Verne.

Kennedy is currently an alternative education teacher in San Bernardino county, California, adjunct professor at Chapman University, Ontario Academic Center (on hiatus), and volunteers as Chief Instructor for the Kempo Kung Fu Martial Arts Team in Southern California (he’s a 3rd degree Black Belt). He has also served as an acting principal, lead teacher, mentor teacher, master teacher, chair and visiting member for many self-study and strategic planning focus groups and action teams, and is a CTA statewide trainer of trainers in Gang Awareness and Self Esteem. Kennedy was selected as the 2000 Teacher of the Year by the Inland Empire Council for the Social Studies, and the 2002-2003 Alternative Education Teacher of the Year by the San Bernardino county Superintendent of Schools. The Dolphin is his second book.